

A MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON  
THE PASSING OF MARIO URIOSTE.

WHEREAS, Mario Urioste, a resident of Clovis, passed  
away January 26, 2005; and

WHEREAS, he was born in Clovis on January 3, 1954 and  
was diagnosed with lupus at age eighteen; and

WHEREAS, he fought against this debilitating disease and  
never let the disease define his life, as demonstrated by his  
passion for public service, guitar playing and carpentry; and

WHEREAS, he served on the Clovis school board for  
thirteen years, where he gained respect by bridging the gap  
between the minority community and school administrators; and

WHEREAS, when he was elected to the house of  
representatives in 1999, he brought that expertise with him  
and during his first term was named to a task force to fight  
Governor Johnson's school voucher proposal; and

WHEREAS, his legislative colleagues admired his stamina,  
sense of humor and philosophy of life in the face of a disease  
that caused him to be hospitalized twice each year for thirty  
years; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of over thirty  
years, Irene; his two sons, Mauricio and Julian; and many  
other relatives and loving friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that condolences be extended to the family and friends of Mario Urioste, a devoted and loving New Mexican; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to Irene Urioste.